

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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GENERAL BOARD RAISES \$700,000 TO RENOVATE COGIC HEADQUARTERS

The Church of God in Christ General Board traveled the nation projecting the divinely-inspired program to renovate the Downtown Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. Various General Board Members visited designated areas to launch the "Headquarters Renovation Emergency Rally." The National came to you because our leaders were sure that the people wanted to be involved in this worthy undertaking. It was imperative that all jurisdictional bishops, supervisors, pastors, elders, ministers, missionaries, and laymen be aware of this tremendous move of God for the betterment of the ministry of our great church.

Area rallies were scheduled for the entire nation and area captains were chosen. Each area was projected to raise \$100,000.00 by the following means: (a) each jurisdictional bishop was asked for a personal contribution of \$3,000.00 and (b) each jurisdiction, pastor, credential holder, and layman was asked to contribute generously when the rally was held in your area. Any pastor, credential holder, or layman contributing \$1,000.00 or more would be inducted into the Church of God in Christ Worldwide Headquarters Honors Club. Your name will be engraved on a plaque and placed in the Headquarters. The schedule of Area Rallies was as follows: two sessions daily-2:00 p.m. - a dialogue with the Presiding Bishop and General Board and 8:00 p.m.-the rally. The area captains for the rally were: New York Area, Bishop O. M. Kelly; Detroit Area, Bishop C. L. Anderson; Chicago Area, Bishop L. H. Ford; St. Louis Area, Bishop Jacob Cohen; Memphis Area, Bishop F. D. Washington; Norfolk Area, Bishop C. L. Anderson; Washington, D.C., Bishop J. Howard Sherman; Atlanta Area, Bishop J. D. Husband; Texas

Area, Bishop L. R. Anderson; Los Angeles Area, Bishop J. A. Blake; San Francisco Area, Bishop L. H. Ford.

Just how successful were these rallies? Judge for yourself. (The following monies raised are approximations, not actual sums.) Memphis-\$140,000; Atlanta-\$71,000; Virginia-\$71,000; New York-\$70,000; Detroit-\$65,000; N. California (San Francisco Area)-\$65,000; Chicago-\$54,000; Los Angeles-\$40,000; Washington D.C.-\$36,000; Dallas-\$23,000; St. Louis-\$15,000; Houston-\$10,700; these figures alone total approximately \$670,000.00 and each bishop has until September 15, 1980 to complete his area contributions, so the final figure should be higher than the above approximation.

In a recent interview with Bishop Harold Bell, he stated that the urgency of the rally was done in light of the forthcoming National Convocation, as occupancy at that time would be most needed. Bishop Bell traveled with the General Board as secretary of the Saints Center Board of Directors to answer questions regarding Saints Center. He stated that at no time were any of the bishops compensated for their traveling. Each was responsible for his own personal expenses such as food, lodging, travel, etc., and that not only was this a financial sacrifice but one of time spent away from their various jurisdictions and churches. Bishop Bell was asked if the bishops would in anyway be compensated for the work they have done and he said that no compensation was planned or anticipated. Every dime that was raised goes to the emergency rally. There was no subtraction of rally expenses. Bishop Bell stated that the rally and additional work being done now

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BISHOP SHERMAN, GREEN, WASHINGTON, OWENS AND PORTER AT ONE OF THE AREA RALLIES

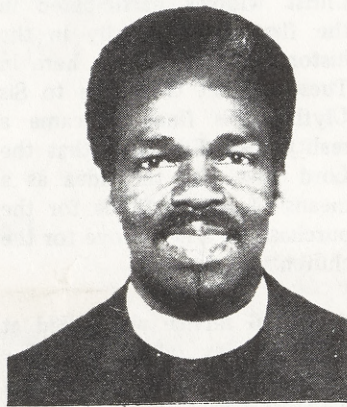
GENERAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCES SEVENTY-THIRD HOLY CONVOCATION

Greetings of peace and love in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Lord has blessed and caused His face to shine upon us. 1980, thus far, has been an eventful year, one in which our great church has progressed. I feel honored at this moment to officially announce to the wonderful leaders and members of our great church the forthcoming 73rd International Holy Convocation to be convened November 4-13, 1980, at our National Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

This promises to be one of the greatest meetings and holy festivities ever held in the history of the Church of God in Christ. It is our prerogative and

privilege to encourage you on behalf of the Administration to support the meeting with your presence and finances throughout its duration.

It is imperative that all



BISHOP GERMAN ROSS

jurisdictional bishops and supervisors be in attendance at this meeting and of course the pastors and ordained elders comprise a most significant element of our church. In as much as this is an election year, electing the general officials for the next quadrennial, it is urgent that 11 of our credential holders be present to share in the deliberations of the General Assembly. The meeting is scheduled to last ten days. The first 3 days will be given to prayer and fasting so that God will give us divine guidance and direction. The Convocation will last for 10 days. The business session will take place beginning

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON (PART II)

QUES. 17: IT SEEMS EACH YEAR DELEGATES COMPLAIN OF AN UNFAIR INCREASE IN HOUSING RATES. DO YOU FORESEE AN EVENTUAL REMEDY TO THIS PROBLEM?

Yes, I see a solution to maybe one particular problem, that is, the opportunity of the innkeepers of taking advantage of our people providing our people by telling them "you can get a room without coming through the Church's Housing Committee for

a dollar or two less than you can by coming through the Church's Housing Committee. The hotels are taking advantage of us by making it 'ungodly. Anyone know that travel bureaus make reservations, planes, trains, hotels, places of entertainment, they make those reservations at the same rate as these particular carriers and inns would have for anybody else and yet they're paying ten per cent commission unto these travel bureaus. The church did feel, the General Assembly did this, since we have a built-in market for the hotels

and motels in Memphis that they should express their appreciation by just giving the church, they don't have to give it to a travel bureau, give the church that ten per cent. Some of them consented to do so, but others in their consenting to do it, took advantage of the church and told the delegate that we are charging you \$5.00 or \$2.00 more a day because we have to give the church ten per cent. Now that is unfair. I do plan to see the innkeepers and let them know that their ten per cent is not that important and we don't want it

if they are going to use that as a leverage to take the advantage of the people. The other side of the coin is that what the people are crying about is because certain people among us are creating chaos and they know that the rates here in Memphis are far less than the rates in other cities. They pay \$45.00 for a room in Memphis and holler about it and think they are being robbed when prices range up to \$115.00 a day in other cities. I think we should get the minimal rate in Memphis but at the same time I don't think anybody should

exploit the church or take advantage of the convention disrupting the tranquility.

QUEST. 18: IT SEEMS THAT OVER HALF OF THE CHURCH'S BUDGET GOES TO SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL IN LEXINGTON AND SEMINARY IN ATLANTA. DO YOU FEEL THIS HAS BEEN A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT OF OUR CHURCH'S FUND?

Oh, definitely so. It's pathetic

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GUEST EDITORIAL PEOPLE SOON TO BE MISSING

Eld. J. W. Macklin
(Hayward, Calif.)

Among the many in our country that continue to feel the infaltionary spiral is our law enforcement departments. It seems the cost to the taxpayers for operating the various departments of law enforcement such as traffic, violent crimes, vice and others, are constant problems to our local communities.

Recently I was informed that the missing person's division of our local police department was so understaffed that families were forced to wait unseemly lengths of time until additional staff could be assigned. Anticipating problem areas and planning for increases in these areas is a most difficult task. In view of these problems, I would like to lend some support to our local law enforcement departments by tipping them off in an area that will need a large increase in staff and funding-the missing person's division.

You see, at any moment now, there will be thousands of people missing from all over the world. It will be the strangest event this world has ever experienced. People from all parts of the country, of all economic brackets, and of every cultural, racial, and political persuasion will be reported missing. Telephone lines will be jammed. Police departments will be full and churches packed to overflowing.

It is my understanding that as the investigation begins, investigators will attempt to identify a pattern and find a commonality that the missing persons may have had. Again, I would like to save the taxpayers a few dollars by tipping off the investigators. You see all of the "people soon to be missing" will have a few things in common.

First of all, they have all received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior by confessing and forsaking their sins. Secondly, they have lived lives that reflect belief in Christ. (Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14.) Thirdly, they had faith in Christ and believed that He would return to receive them unto Himself.

To further complicate matters, the missing persons will be with Christ somewhere beyond this earth. In addition to this, their names, as well as their physical appearance, will be changed. It does not yet appear what they shall be like, but I do know that when Christ shall appear, they shall be like Him.

I hope this information will be of help to our law enforcement departments. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be of further assistance following this event, as I will be missing also.

them Just as the widows played an important part in the Bible, so are they relevant in the church of today.

Pastor, Bishop Felton King
Submitted by, Sis. Darlene Moten
Sis. Patrice Ellis

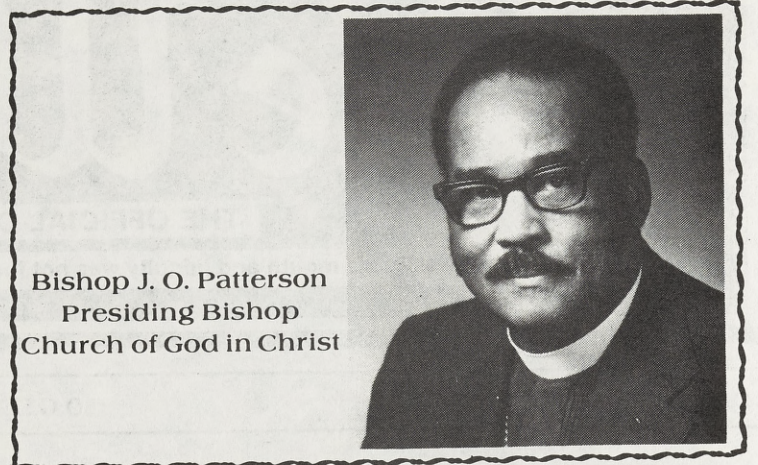
RIVERDALE, MARYLAND

We the members of Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ of Riverdale, Maryland, are pleased to announce the nomination for a Grammy Award for best Gospel Singer to Myrna Summers Maynard, held in Los Angeles, Calif.

She did not bring the award home, but this was considered quite an honor to be a nominee along with Andrea Crouch, James Cleveland and other noted gospel singers.

It was also a great honor for our national Cogic to have had these two young people nominated and Andrea Crouch being the recipient of the Grammy Award. Our hats are off to both of them.

Refreshing Springs Cogic
Riverdale, Md.
Eld. A. D. Headen (Pastor)
Delores Richardson, Reporter



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

My Dear Fellow Saints,

"I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers."

In the past few years of my humble tenure as your chief servant, my heart's desire for our great church has been the fulfillment of the divine will in my personal dreams concerning Saints Center. And, my heart has been warmed by the many liberal souls who have given freely unto the Lord-out of their abundance as well as out of their poverty.

The realization of our dream lies just over the horizon because God has mobilized an innovative and unique faith-approach to grant us an unprecedented measure of success. We are on the verge of victory; but we cannot rapidly arrive without your strong support.

Somehow, God has situated us in this world in a way that keeps us directly dependent on each other. We need to go forward, but we can only do it together. We are doing far more than just erecting edifices. The positive realization of the very mission of God's church is largely dependent upon how well His people work together. And, how well we progress unitedly is a direct measure of our love for God.

Decide now to directly participate in the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing with Him that which he has shared with you. I challenge you, in the humblest possible manner, to assume your rightful personal "Faith-Share" in the future world-wide outreach ministry of our great church. Good Stewardship is the Key to our success.

Be a partner for progress-by Faith. Let us build Saints Center-together with God-with the individual and collective resources that He has granted us.

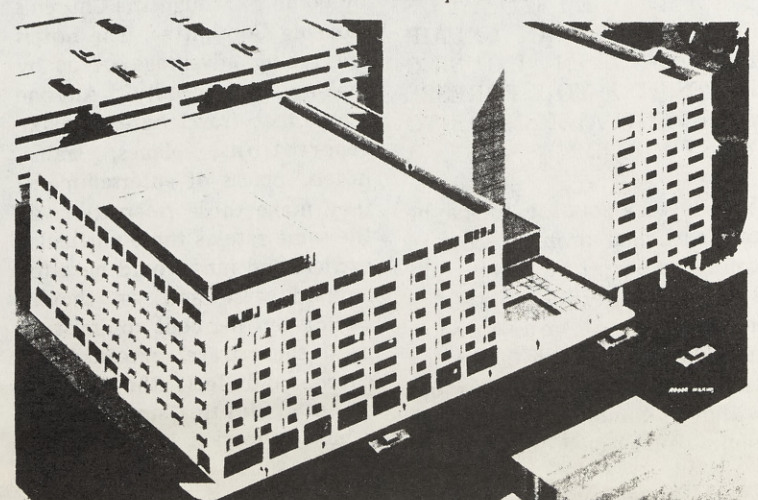
May God bless you richly,

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ.

The Beginning of Saints Center is here



The Present Headquarters



The Future: What your \$12 is doing!

Today, after 200 years as a growing institution, the Sunday School is in a desperate struggle for its very existence.

Total Sunday School, Church School, and Sabbath School enrollment in American churches has declined from 40,508,568 in 1970 to 32,607,421 - a 24% decadal decline. This decline, moreover, is in spite of an apparent trend of renewed growth in church membership. Total church membership, during this same period, grew over 16%. 1. But in nearly every major Protestant denomination, Sunday School and Church School enrollment is declining! Such a significant decline has never before occurred in the history of the Sunday School.

What has happened since Robert Raikes held the first Sunday School in "Sooty Alley" of Gloucester, England in 1780 and John Wesley adopted the Sunday School in his own mission as "one of the noblest instruments to be seen in Europe for some centuries?"

In America the Sunday School found fertile soil. Between 1827 and 1860 most denominations officially took this new organization under their wing. Through the rest of the 19th

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S FIGHT FOR LIFE (PT. 1)

by

DR. WIN ARN AND DR. CHARLES ARN

century the embryo continued to grow as more and more churches discovered the unique value of the Sunday School.

Then the first third, and particularly the second third, of the 20th century saw American Sunday Schools skyrocket in unprecedented growth. As both rural and urban churches began to flourish, new Sunday Schools were established at a record pace. Large Sunday School conventions were held and Christian educational leaders were in great demand. Sunday School growth seemed to happen with little or no effort. The first 60 years of the 20th century became the "Golden Age of American Sunday Schools." Churches, too, enjoyed unprecedented growth.

But as the century moved into the 1960's, with few noticing, growth patterns began to change. In many Sunday Schools, enrollment began to plateau. Worship attendance stabilized or started a slight decline. Membership followed. The decline didn't happen in

every Sunday School or denomination at once. Nor was there a "Black Sunday" which educators recall as the turning point. But the tide had turned. The "Great Depression" of the growth of many American Sunday Schools and churches had begun.

The decline in American Sunday Schools accelerated into the 70's. Mainline and evangelical Sunday Schools alike found the cancer of decline difficult to arrest. In 1974 national Sunday School enrollment dipped, for the first time in history, to less than the expected growth rate based on national population increases.

Today, at the outset of the 1980's, after 200 years as a growing institution, the Sunday School is in desperate times:

Of 42 major Protestant denominations in America last year, 24 reported at least some degree of growth in confirmed church membership. Of that same 42, only 12 registered any growth last year in their Sunday Schools; and only one has shown a steady pattern of growth in recent years. 2. Research has also shown that in every Protestant denomination, Sunday School enrollment-as a proportion of total church membership-is steadily declining.

MAINLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL DECLINE

Mainline congregations and denominations, in the last decade, have taken a beating in Sunday School/Church School enrollment. In ten years the CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) has lost 302,780-over 45% of its enrollment.

The LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD, has

declined from 885,567 enrollment in 1969 to 638,074-a 28% loss, in spite of a 1% gain in membership during the same period.

The UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A., since 1970, has lost over 30% of its enrollment.

Church School enrollment in the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH exceeded the U.S. population growth until 1964. But since its peak, the denomination has lost 2,524,365 from the Church School.

The EPISCOPAL CHURCH has dropped from a peak enrollment of over 980,000 to their present 574,693-a 47% loss.

In overview, while mainline church membership has been dropping in recent years, Church Sunday School enrollment in these denominations has been declining at a much greater rate.

EVANGELICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DECLINE

The cancer of decline in Sunday School enrollment does not stop with mainline churches, but includes many denominations classified as "evangelical." For example, the CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE has grown nearly 40% since 1970. Sunday School enrollment has dropped 8%.

The CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE has grown 33% since 1965 and shown steady membership growth every year since. In the last year reported, the denomination lost 24,441 from Sunday School. The year before, enrollment declined by 28,429.

The ASSEMBLIES OF GOD have grown 64% in church membership since 1965. But in recent years, enrollment growth in the Sunday Schools has stopped.

The FREE METHODIST CHURCH, growing at a decadal rate of 16%, is declining by 6% in Sunday School enrollment.

The MENNONITE CHURCH, in ten years, has grown from 85,343 to 97,142-13%. Yet in the same period it has declined 14% in Sunday School.

Even the huge SOUTHERN

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JACQUELINE WHELOCK RECEIVES SECOND M.A. DEGREE

Mrs. Jacqueline Freeman Wheelock completed her second Master's degree last Thursday, August 14, in the Commencement Exercises of the University of Southern Mississippi held in the Bernard Green Coliseum. This culminated a process which began in September of 1979 when she undertook the Master of Library Science program as a complement to her previous Masters degree in English received from Southern University of Baton Rouge, La. in 1968.

Mrs. Wheelock also became a part of Mississippi educational history by graduating in the first class of Library Science since the program was accredited by the American Library Association in its June meeting in New York City. This is the first and only library school program ever to be accredited by ALA in the state of Mississippi. The signal event was recently celebrated on the USM campus in a banquet attended by the University president, Dr. Aubrey Lucas, the chairman of the School of Library Service, Dr. Onva K. Boshears, and the president of the American Library Association, Mrs. Peggy Sullivan who also served as speaker for the occasion.

Mrs. Wheelock presently serves as Librarian and Assistant to the Superintendent of Saints Academy of Lexington, Mississippi which is sponsored by the Church of God in Christ. She is married to Donald R. Wheelock, Superintendent of

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MORE ABOUT THE HOLY GHOST PART 2 OF A MESSAGE

by

Bishop W. A. Patterson

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

It is for you throughout the dispensation of Grace. You may be as religious as Cornelius, with a God-fearing home; you may be a liberal giver and live a constant life of prayer and not have the Holy Ghost: ACTS 10:1-6 says:

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band.

A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

He saw in a vision evidently

about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do."

And while Peter was in his home and telling him about God's wonderful plan of salvation, ACTS 10:44-48 says:

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."

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THE JESUS ONLY CONTROVERSY "SCRIPTURE STUDY" (PT. 1)

by

Elder Charles E. Hawthorne

The material for this article is taken from a book entitled "How Should We Then Be Baptized" by Elder Charles E. Hawthorne. It is the first in a series of articles to be featured in the theological section of this paper. The purpose of this study is to provide the saints with scriptures that will help them personally resolve the "Jesus Only Controversy."

The "Jesus Only" controversy centers around the correct or incorrect formula for water baptism. Most Jesus only churches teach that one must be baptized in the name of Jesus. The Church of God in Christ, along with other churches (i.e. Baptist,) teaches that one should be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Jesus-Only believers counter this by saying that Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names but titles. They go to say that the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is Jesus.

This teaching denies the three Persons of the Trinity or Godhead. It proposes that Jesus is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The following scriptures prove that this is not the case.

I. There is more than one person in the Godhead.

A. The Hebrew word for God (Elohim) is plural. (Gen. 1:1; 3:5; Ex. 22:28; I Sam. 4:8; Dan. 2:11; 4:6-9; 5:11, 14; over 2700 in the O.T.)

B. Plural pronouns are used of God (i.e. us) - (Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8; Jn. 14:23; 17:11, 22, 23.)

C. There are three that bear record of witness in heaven. (I Jn. 5:7.)

1. The Father (Jer. 29:23; Mal. Continued on page 6

YOUTH FORUM

As a former youth minister, I know the questions young people face as they endeavor to live a saved, sanctified and holy life. It's not always easy. The devil is there to ensnare the youth and keep them from serving God wholeheartedly. This column is dedicated to answering the many questions young people have about God, the Bible, church and other relevant issues. Teenagers and young adults are especially urged to send in those questions that have weighed heavily on their minds. I will seek to answer them honestly, frankly, and most important of all, biblically.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Do you know of any outstanding youth? Youth that are saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost? Youth that are consecrated and dedicated? Youth that are zealous and on fire for God? Well, these are the kind of young people we want to feature in this column. Writing them up in the Whole Truth Paper would serve to provide other youth with peer models that they can look to and be inspired by. It would also be an inspiration to the older saints. For it is comforting to know that God is raising up an army of young people who are living holy lives.

Those sending in names of young people should include a picture, biographical sketch (age, school, grade, home, church, etc.) and outstanding accomplishments. The reception of such material is not a guarantee that it will get into the paper. However, the editorial staff will do its best in using as many young people as space will allow.

YOUTH RECEIVES \$2,500 GRANT

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Alva C. Nelson, III, son of Rev. A. C. Nelson, Jr. and grandson of Bishop C. H. Nelson in Houston, Texas, has just received a grant of \$2,500, from the National Endowment for the Arts. Alva will use these funds to travel and study with renowned flutist Hubert Laws, a native Houstonian. Mr. Nelson is an accomplished musician on several instruments including all of the woodwinds and keyboards.

This grant is the second such award Alva has received. He was the recipient of a \$1,000, grant in 1976, while a student at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Alva then went to New York City to study with saxophonist Billy Harper who is also a native Houstonian.

Mr. Nelson was the recipient of the 1st annual J. O. Patterson Award for "Excellence in the Fine Arts" in 1974.

YOUTH NEWS AND VIEWS

by

Charles E. Hawthorne, B.A., M.A.

PROBLEMS OF PENTECOSTAL STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Some precious parents and young people gathered together during the UNAC training session to discuss the problems Pentecostal students face on the college campus. Among them were Angela Ivy and Venus Powell from Muncie, Indiana; Sherena Green from Detroit, Michigan; Cesalee Hinsley from Atlanta, Georgia; Anthony Bonner, Helen Releford and Annebelle Ireland from Flint, Michigan.

The session got off to a good start inspite of the fact that the room was hard to find and the scheduled teacher failed to show up. Elder Charles Hawthorne, a campus minister at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan, substituted and led the class in a spirit filled discussion. The power of the Lord was so present that a backslider expressed a desire to be saved again. The session participants gathered around this young brother and prayed as he gave his life back to the Lord.

There were several interesting topics discussed in this session. Here's a list of some of the issues that were raised:

1. Relating to non-pentecostal Christian students.
2. Addressing issues (i.e. racism, prejudice, discrimination) through student unions.
3. Playing inter-varsity sports.

4. Being away from home and the influences of parents and church.

5. Handling intellectual questions posed by professors, teachers and unbelieving classmates, being exposed to immorality (i.e. premarital sex, drugs), and finding a church or Christian organization while on campus. Biblical solutions were sought and presented throughout the fruitful exchange.

It is good to know that in these last days, Christ is the answer. No matter what the problem, He is the Problem Solver. He said, "I Am The Way." He's not the way into problems. He's the way out! Hallelujah!

Pentecostal students are blessed because through Christ they can do all things. When life's problems come their way, they can hold their head up high and say, "Hallelujah Anyhow!" Oh Glory! It is comforting to know that "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I Jn. 4:4.) It is assuring to know that "In all these things (or problems) we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37.) It is a blessing to be able to give thanks unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 2:14.)

With this being the case,

pentecostal students don't really have any problems. R. W. Shambach is known saying, "You don't have any troubles. All you need is faith in God." You see, faith in God helps us overcome the problems of life. No wonder John said, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I Jn. 5:4.) Somebody needs to shout "YES!"

Pentecostal students don't have to bow their heads and sadly sing, "Victory, victory shall be mine...". No, they can stand up in the strength and power of God and boldly declare, "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57.) That victory is not future tense. It is present tense. Victory, victory is mine!

If you are living in defeat, lift your hands right now and praise the Lord for the victory. God gave it to you. But you haven't received it. Receive it right now by faith. Start walking in victory immediately. God wants all of his people, pentecostal students included, to be victorious in every area of life. Now is the time to arise from the devil's defeat and claim victory for yourself. Victory is yours!

ELDER DERRICK HUTCHINS - NEW CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Elder Derrick Hutchins, from Orangeburg, South Carolina, (formerly of Flint, Michigan), was recently appointed the

campus Ministry Coordinator for the National Evangelism Department. Not just wanting to hold a title, Elder Hutchins conducted a campus ministry seminar at UNAC in Miami Beach, Florida last month. His desire to become familiar with existing campus ministry programs and solicit suggestions from others on how the National Church might develop a unified, bonafide outreach to college students.

Bro. "Hutch" shared his personal experience as a college student involved in a ministry called Operation Somebody Cares (OSC.) He told how their campus group started as a small sized prayer group and grew to about four hundred students. He also shared some of his success as a campus evangelist, preaching on several college campuses and seeing literally hundreds comes to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Elder Hutchins loves campus ministry and would like to do it on a full-time basis. The problem, however, is the lack of financial backing or support. This is where the Church of God in Christ can help. A proposal is now being developed soliciting the moral, spiritual and financial support of the church. Thank God for Elder "Hutch" and people like him who see the need for a vital campus ministry program. Those who attended his seminar in UNAC are reminded to send him your suggestions. Readers are also urged to send in suggestions. You may send them to:

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Orangeburg, South Carolina
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GRACE TEMPLE CHURCH TO OPEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER



The Rev. Robert L. Brown

UPCOMING ARTICLES

(In September Issue)

Make sure to read this page next month. There will be some very exciting articles that you won't want to miss. Here's just a sneak preview of some of the articles that will be featured:

- "Back-to-School" Special
- School Grounds, A Battle Ground
- Books! Books! Book!
- The Fear of Backsliding

In September, a new private school will open in Albion, according to Rev. Robert L. Brown, minister of Grace Temple Church of God in Christ, 711 Grace St. The school, Grace Temple Christian School, will be held in Grace Temple Church and its educational facility. Brown said the school will teach and use Christian principles in academics, discipline, character-building, self-motivation and learning to take responsibility. "I'm convinced this is the most excellent type of education you could give a child," Brown said, "It will deal with the total child, building character as well as teaching academics." He said he has been thinking about starting a school for about a year and that the school is not being established in opposition to the Albion Public Schools. He said he supports the mileage drive "because we need a good public school system."

"We're not opposed to the public education system. We feel that if we can give our training from a Christian philosophy it will produce better people. We believe we're going to produce

leaders and that we will be a support to the secular school." Enrollment will be open to all children in the area up to a total of 100. However, if it appears that the life style of the family wishing to enroll a child is in conflict with the nature of the school, the family will be advised not to enroll the child, Brown said. He already has had about 70 inquiries, with about 25 per cent of them from persons who are not members of Grace Temple. He said he also has received telephone calls from persons wishing him well in the endeavor. Tuition for the school has not been set as yet, but it will be somewhat less for members of the Grace Temple congregation than for non-members, Brown said.

Accelerated Christian Education, Inc., (ACE), a Texas firm, will provide the Bible-based curriculum, which Brown said is "a proven method" designed to find the level of a child's performance and then to prescribe the appropriate curriculum for him or her. The student works at his own speed and sets his own goals with the assistance of the teacher. The

teacher supervises his progress to see that he achieves those goals. The system also uses teacher's aides called "monitors." The number of teachers needed will depend on the number of students who enroll, but Brown says there are several certified teachers in the area who "are ready to teach in that kind of environment."

At Tuesday's Albion Board of Education meeting, two Albion Senior High School teachers, Stephen Williams, a civics teacher, and Mrs. Gwen Google a special education teacher, submitted their resignations, effective the end of the school year. Both said in their letters of resignation that they intended to teach in the new Christian school. The two stressed that their experience in the public schools has been positive. Williams told the Recorder, "I am a Christian. That's where my heart is. I'm interested in teaching with Christian principles. I think that's an area of education which opens up more possibilities than the

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DEATH NOTICES and MEMORIALS



HOMEGOING SERVICES FOR ADDIE OVERTON LAMB

Addie Overton Lamb, was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, November 13, 1883. She was united in matrimony on March 7, 1903 to the late Elder Griffin Lamb. Three years later they moved to Staten Island, New York, in search of greener pastures. In this union were three children, a deceased.

She helped to begin the church on Staten Island. When there was no place for service she and Mother Taylor would let them have service in their homes, under Elder F. Cook and the late Elder G. Lamb. Many souls were blessed in the meetings.



NEPTUNE, NEW JERSEY

**SERVICE OF TRIUMPH
MOTHER MARY LOUISE
NEWMAN THREAT
TUESDAY MARCH 4,
1980. 12:00 HIGH NOON.
MT. OLIVE HOLY
TEMPLE, CHURCH OF
GOD IN CHRIST, 10
ATKINS AVE. NEPTUNE
N.J.**

OBITUARY

Mother Mary Louise Cole Threat, was born in Prince Edward County Virginia, January 30, 1911. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Douglas and Hester Cole. She was united in Holy matrimony to Mr. Philip Newman in 1934, and to that union was born three sons. She was saved and received the Holy Ghost in the State of Maryland.

During, World War II, Mother Lamb, housed many soldiers and their families. She would talk, teach and guide them in the way of the Lord.

Later she joined Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ, under Bishop O. M. Kelly. She worked hard and faithful. She served on the Nurses Unit and the Kitchen Committee for many years. She also worked during the Workers Meeting and the Convocations. Mother Lamb lived to be the oldest Church Mother in New York until her death.

A few years ago her health began to fail and she was not able to remain active, but Mother Lamb, was always willing to comfort anyone who came to her.

Mother Lamb was not only a Mother to the church and her family but to everyone. She believed there was nothing to fear because God was her strength, her guide, her shield and in Him she trusted.

It's not possible to mention all the works she has done for the Lord.

KELLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

10 E. 130th Street
Manhattan, New York

Bishop O. M. Kelly, Officiating

Later she came to the New Jersey, Shore and connected with the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Elder H. A. Griffin, where she worked diligently. After Bro. Newman's death, she married Deacon Archie Threat in August of 1967. Later joining Mt. Olive Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C. and served on the Mother's Board. She was also president of Seashore District Mother's Board, President of the Business Staff of Seashore District, one of the Trustees of the Seashore Mission Home. As well as holding many other positions a devoted and dedicated worker.

She leaves to mourn a devoted Husband, Deacon A. Threats, Four sons, Herman Cole, Long Branch N.J. Philip Newman, of Morganville N.J. Charles Newman, Asbury Park, N.J. and Vincent Newman, Asbury Park, N.J., also 2 stepdaughters, 4 stepsons, one brother, Mr. Frank Cole of Asbury Park, one sister, District Missionary Viola Cooper of Long Branch, N.J., 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, and a host of other relatives and friends.

When the storms of life are raging tempests wild on sea and land I will seek a place of refuge, In the shadow of God's hand. The Family

Elder Samuel J. Williams-Pastor
Sis. Ruth Shaw-Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL HOLY CONVOCATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE NOVEMBER - 4 - 14, 1980

ANNOUNCEMENT

CHANGE IN EXHIBITS

In the National Convocation the exhibits in the National Convocation will be owned and operated by the National Church. All of us are aware of the economical changes ushered in at the beginning of this present decade.

It is a new thrust for the church to take ownership of all the exhibits. We endeavor to provide the same service as the previous exhibitors. Furthermore, we are planning additional services.

The economical trend ushered in at the beginning of the 80's; motivated the change concerning all exhibits. Being aware of the changes in our economy we trust that everyone will understand and cooperate fully.

CHILDREN FORCED TO JOIN COMMUNIST YOUTH GROUP

MUNICH (EWNS)--While strikes and food shortages plague the Police economy, reports have reached the West which describe new, subtle methods of discrimination against Christian believers and their children.

Keston College reports that an appeal by the Przemysl Committee for the Defense of Believers has been sent to parents in Poland, urging them to resist pressure and intimidation by the school authorities and not to send their children to the officially-approved scout groups.

The appeal states that Anna Derkacz, the headmistress of

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GRACE TEMPLE CHURCH TO OPEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

secular school does." Mrs. Google could not be reached for comment.

Brown described the two teachers both members of his congregation, as "fine young people..". He said he and Williams have just returned from a week's training session with ACE in Dallas which was attended by 100 persons from the United States and abroad who are interested in establishing Christian schools. The rest of the Grace Temple staff will be trained this summer in Michigan, Brown said.

School No. 5 in Stalowa Wola recently ordered the teachers to enlist all children into the scouts without either the parents' or the children's consent. Those children who failed to bring in any money for the scout uniform have been punished by having their marks reduced, while pupils at the secondary level have been threatened with expulsion if they do not submit. "What has happened to our scouting movement?" asks the committee, "if during the summer camps children are forbidden to attend church services or even to pray in their tents?"

Another headmistress in Jasla expected her girl "guides" to join the Party after completing training. "The Independent Polish Scouts" are independent only in name, states the appeal, since the communists have removed all references to God from the statutes, also deleting such terms as "prayer", "faith", "purity", "love of one's neighbor" and "altruism."

The movement has gradually become an instrument of atheist, ideological manipulation. After all, states Keston, it was the movement's founder, Ford Robert Baden Powell, who said: "It would be better for the movement not to exist at all than to be without God." An instruction manual for youth leaders published last year states quite clearly that "the Polish scouting movement is based on Leninist principles." "In such a situation," continues the appeal, "parents who are concerned for the moral upbringing of their children can only send them to the Light and Life youth movement organized by the Church." (September/80)

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Holy greetings to the saints of God everywhere. From Evang. J. B. Braker. I am praising the Lord for his many blessings. The Lord has let me read through the Bible in less than a years time. I also thank God for His blessing in letting me close out two revivals this year-one at my home church, Paradise Church of God in Christ, 1728 E. Pueblo St., Phoenix, 85040, Pastor R. Walker, Sr. and Grace Memorial Cogie, 233 E. Morelos St., Chandler, Az., Elder W. Thompson, Pastor. I am also on a local radio station every Sunday, K.A.S.A. Phoenix, at 7:30 a.m. God's way is a sure way. If we follow it we won't fail. Pray for me and my family. The Whole Truth has been a big help to me. I found my wife by writing to the Whole Truth. In the year of 1972, we got married in 1973, at St. John Cogie in Crosby, Miss. Pray for me that I stay with God and be humble at his feet so he can always use me. I also want each member of a local Church of God in Christ along with their Bishops and Pastors to pray for me. I need a station wagon. St. Matt. 18:19 and St. Matt. 6:23, Psalms 37:3.

Evangelist J. B. Braker
God's way is a sure way. If we follow it we won't fail.

ARCADIA, LOUISIANA

We are thanking God for services in the month of April, and 1980. God has really poured out his spirit on the church. God bless our pastor. He carried out a whole week of meetings. The Holy Ghost really did fall like never before. We are asking your prayers everywhere that God will continually bless us. Two members were added to the church. These are some of the testimonies of some of the people that have been blessed.

My name is Dorothy Brown. I live in Denver, Colorado. I want to thank God for Elder Cooks. Just writing him through the mail God has really blessed me. If you are having any problems, write him.

My name is Lattie Mare of Palestine, Texas. Elder Cooks has been a double blessing to me through God and his blessed oil. 1600 West Oak St.

My address is Mable Gaylor, P. O. Box 155, Coubrant, La. 71227. You can call Elder C. Cooks at 263-2915 or you can write him at P. O. Box 463 Arcadia, La. 71001.

Mrs. Effie Mackey, Reporter

NEW JERSEY

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To the saints of God everywhere. We the Seashore District have just come out of our Spring Conference which convened at the Mt. Olive Holy Temple, Neptune, New Jersey. It was a spirit-filled meeting with Dist. Supt. A. Jackson and Dist. Missy. V. Cooper, presiding. The District Choir with Missy.

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GENERAL BOARD RAISES \$700,000 TO RENOVATE COGIC HEADQUARTERS

With these facts in mind, it becomes increasingly important that we pursue the task of upgrading our Downtown Headquarters immediately. Much of the Downtown Memphis Area (stores and businesses) was recently renovated. In that we own several acres of Downtown Memphis, it is crucial that we enhance what God has given us, so that we can adequately represent Him.

A worldwide Headquarters will reflect unity both symbolically and realistically. A National Headquarters will be a "symbol of unity" in that it will be an exhibition of a well-executed work of architecture, dedicated to the glory of God. A National Headquarters will be "unity in reality" because it will offer facilities that will enable all COGIC workers to come together "under one roof" in an expanded effort toward expounding the good news of the gospel to the entire world.

Additionally, our National Headquarters will go beyond symbolizing our unity; our headquarters will be the (realistic) product of our Unity. It is obvious that in order to enhance our "witness" to the world, we must not only "appear" unified, we must in fact "be" unified. The only way the Church of God in Christ can develop (her) base of operation is for the general constituency to unify and rally to the cause that God has impressed upon the hearts of our leaders. Indeed, where there is unity, there is strength; our unity in developing our National Headquarters will benefit us on every level of our ministerial operation: locally, jurisdictionally and nationally. is a contribution to the permanent overall Saints Center project. He stated that the work being done now is not visible to the eye but is the foundational work that must be done before visibility. Bishop Bell is a believer in Saints Center. He believes that with the leadership of God through our Presiding Bishop and the determination of the people that Saints Center will be a reality. He stated that "Saints Center is the Church of God in Christ Headquarters inclusively but not exclusively." He said that the headquarters will be that of the church but that it will touch the lives of all, not just the Saints.

In a recent interview with Bishop Chandler, Owens, an Assistant Coordinator for the Renovation Rally, he said that he would like to thank all of the jurisdictional Bishops for their cooperation; that because of the approximate monies raised we can begin to renovate what will one day become the most innovative headquarters in the United States. On September 15th, when all monies are brought to Memphis, work will begin and he expects the restrictions on the building to be lifted by the City for the

November Convocation as there is a definite shortage of rooms in Memphis. Bishop Owens said that he was briefed by the architect in charge and he was informed that it would take between \$8 to \$10 million dollars to build Saints Center and that it would be done in phases to avoid duplication. He was informed that the first phase of work would cost approximately \$2,100,000.00 and that the General Board looks with great expectation to ascertain the money in November.

As we are all aware, a few years ago God blessed the Church of God in Christ with property on Main Street in Downtown Memphis. Unquestionably, He gave us this property for a definite purpose. It is critical from that standpoint alone that we develop and improve these facilities. Additionally, the insurance on the Headquarters building was cancelled because it no longer conforms to Fire Department Regulations. The fire escapes are totally inadequate and must be replaced immediately. We were advised not to use the Headquarters facilities until proper improvements and renovations can be made and thereby bring the building up to the city codes.

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GENERAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCES THE SEVENTY THIRD ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION

after Sunday. The General Assembly and General Election will be Wednesday, November 12, 1980; therefore every delegate should arrange their schedule to attend the General Assembly session. Sunday, the 9th, is the Official Day of the Convocation; then following will be the business sessions. Your presence and participation is essential for completion.

Please observe that it is necessary in accordance with Article III, Section B, Subsection 1 and 2 of the Manual of the Church of God in Christ that each and every jurisdiction will hold an election in the jurisdictional assembly to qualify its delegates to the General Assembly.

Master sheets will be mailed to jurisdictional bishops on which to list the roster of delegates which said master sheets must be forwarded immediately and filed with the office of the General Secretary. Remember in each jurisdiction the jurisdictional bishop, jurisdictional supervisor, all ordained elders, two district missionaries and one lay delegate must be on the roster of delegates from any jurisdiction. Please remember to send a list of certified delegates to our office as soon as possible. The office of the General Secretary endeavors to register all delegates as expeditiously as possible. We will need your lists early so we can commence registration proceedings.

The registration will be by computer as in the past and no delegate will be registered or certified to the General

Assembly unless his name appears on the certified list of delegates and submitted by a bona fide jurisdiction.

Our computerized registration procedure is very advantageous in many ways for this Convocation. The identification pictures will be useful in identifying delegates and certifying the General Assembly sessions. It will allow a positive identification for all bona fide delegates to the General Assembly and will be helpful to our election procedure. It will identify as to jurisdiction, official capacity, home address and local address while in Memphis. This means that the office of the General Secretary, without having to make inquiries, can locate delegates at anytime in emergency.

There will be a small registration fee to help underwrite the cost of the picture badges and the material in the registration kit. It will also help to underwrite the cost of our office. We solicit the support of our bishops in encouraging your delegates to be prepared to register early.

Our system is so designed to eliminate lines and periods of waiting. Registration will be Monday, November 3rd and will continue until completed.

The Educational Committee has revised the training program for this Convocation. Additional classes have been scheduled and designed to meet the needs of the many pastors and workers in attendance at the Convocation.

Courses offered in ministerial ethics, protocol, center preparation, urban ministers, doctrinal presentations and many other useful and provocative courses and projections will be presented in this Convocation.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S FIGHT FOR LIFE

by
Dr. Win Arn
Dr. Charles Arn

BAPTIST CONVENTION, in the last three years, has lost over 120,000 in enrollment.

A similar pattern of membership growth together with Sunday School decline is occurring in the BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE, SALVATION ARMY, EVANGELICAL COVENANT, MENNONITE BRETHREN, CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON,) ADVENT CHRISTIAN, and most other "growing" denominations.

This unmistakable decline in the Sunday School in both mainline and evangelical bodies, is also reflected in the shrinking number of Americans being exposed to Christian education. In 1952, 6% of those surveyed had received no religious training as a child. In 1965 that percentage had grown to 9%. In 1978 17% indicated that they had received no religious training.

3. Indeed, the diagnosis for the Sunday School, that once thriving institution of the

American Church, may be rapidly approaching terminal. The question must be asked, "Is there really a future for the Sunday School?" As the nation moves toward secularism... as the Christian education of children, youth and adults continues to decline... is there any hope?

HOPE FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YES! There is hope for the Sunday School.

Despite these sobering statistics on national Sunday School trends, there is the first light of a new dawn. There are children, youth and adult education programs today that are enlisting new members and growing with explosive vitality in every denomination and in every area of the country. These Sunday Schools are reaching, winning, and discipling people into active fellowship within the life of the local church. Today, while some Sunday Schools are fading into oblivion, others are thriving with contagious vitality.

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JACQUELINE WHELOCK RECEIVES SECOND MASTERS DEGREE

Saints Academy, and she is the mother of two children, Stefan and Alexis. Mrs. Wheelock is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Freeman old Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Mrs. Wheelock Receiving degree from Dr. Aubrey Lucas, President University of Southern Mississippi.

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THE JESUS ONLY CONTROVERSY (PT. 1) "A SCRIPTURE STUDY"

3:5; Jn. 5:31-38; Rom. 1:9; Heb. 1:1, 2; 2:3, 4.)

2. The Son (Isa. 55:4; Jn. 18:37; I Tim. 6:13; Rev. 1:5.)

3. The Holy Ghost (Rom. 8:16; Jn. 15:26; Heb. 10:15; I Jn. 3:6.)

II. Jesus is not the Father.

A. He came from the Father (Jn. 8:42; 16:27; 17:8.)

B. He worked for his Father (Lk. 2:49; Jn. 9:4.)

C. He prayed and taught others to pray to the Father (Mt. 11:25; Jn. 17; 14:12-15; 15:16; 16:23-26.)

D. He obeyed the Father (Jn. 5:30; 6:38; 12:49, 50; 15:10.)

E. He talked to the Father (Mt. 3:16, 17; 17:5; Jn. 12:27-30; II Pet. 1:17.)

F. He ascended to the Father (Jn. 16:5, 10, 16; 7:33; 13:3; 14:28; 20:17.)

G. He is seated next to the Father. (Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 10:12; Rev. 5:1-7.)

III. Jesus is not the Holy Ghost.

A. He was born of the Spirit (Lk. 1:35; Mt. 1:20.)

B. He was filled with the Spirit (Jn. 3:34; Lk. 4:1.)

C. He was led by the Spirit (Mt. 4:1.)

D. He was anointed by the Spirit (Lk. 4:18; Acts 10:38.)

E. He cast out demons by the Spirit (Mt. 12:28.)

F. He was resurrected by the Spirit (Rom. 8:11; I Pet. 3:18.)

G. He baptizes with the Spirit (Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Lk. 3:16; Acts 1:5; 11:16.)

IV. Jesus is not the name of the Father (Jn. 5:43; 10:25) The Father has many names. Some of them are:

A. I Am (Ex. 3:13, 14.)

B. The Lord (Ex. 15:3; Jer. 33:2; Amos 5:8; 9:6.)

C. The Lord of Hosts (Isa. 47:4; 48:2; 51:15; Jer. 10:16; 31:35.)

D. The God of Hosts (Amos 4:13; 5:27.)

E. Holy (Isa. 57:15.)

F. Reverend (Ps. 111:9.)

V. Jesus is not the name of the Holy Ghost. He is referred to in Scripture as:

A. The Spirit of God (Gen. 1:2; Ex. 31:5; Mt. 3:16; Rom. 9:14.)

B. Holy Spirit of God (Isa. 63:10, 11; Eph. 4:30.)

C. The Spirit of the Lord (Isa. 11:2; 59:19; 61:1; Acts 5:9; II Cor. 3:17.)

D. The Spirit of the Father (Mt. 10:20.)

E. Spirit of Christ (Phil. 1:19; Rom. 8:9; I Pet. 1:11.)

F. The Comforter (Jn. 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7.)

Although there are many other scriptures, this should be enough to support the fact of a divine trinity of separate persons in the Godhead. These three are one, but not one in the same. That is, they are not one in number, but in unity. Thus, a tri-unity or trinity.

Next month's article will focus on the "Jesus Only Controversy and Water Baptism." You don't want to miss it. Those interested in purchasing the book "How Should We Then Be Baptized?" may contact Elder Hawthorne by writing to:

Saint City Church of God in Christ
c/o Elder Charles E. Hawthorne
7335 Washington
Romulus, Michigan 48174

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, 2280 N. W. Hammondville Road, Pompano Beach, Florida

Praising God in the highest a new district has been added on to the Pompano District. It is known as the A. M. Cohen Memorial District. This district had its beginning January 21, 1980, being organized by Bishop Jacob Cohen, Jurisdictional Bishop of Eastern Florida. To this district, officials were selected. Elder Mildage Daise, District Superintendent, Elder E. Sutton, Chairman, Elder R. Showers, Co-chairman, Elder A. Barber, Secretary, and Mother A. M. Ridley, District Missionary.

A. M. Cohen District had its first district meeting, April 16-20, 1980, at Community Church of God in Christ, 2280 N. W. Hammondville Road, Pompano

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INTERVIEW WITH
BISHOP PATTERSON

though, to say that half of the funds go to support those two institutions. As a matter of fact, all that the church raises should not be enough. We are talking about half a million dollars. When you compare and I think that is what we need to do, I think the leadership of our church needs to be exposed, and when I say leadership I am talking about pastors, missionaries, General Board members really need to be exposed to church administration. They don't know what church administration is all about, many of them. Here we have the Assemblies of God and we say that they are not as large as we are, but their budget for missions alone, not talking about the other operations, budget, headquarters over there which employs over five hundred people, we are only talking about missions and missions budget was one million dollars. The Church of God Prophecy in Cleveland, Tennessee, little babies under us, do not have more than a tenth of the members that the Church of God in Christ boasts of, and their operating budget was over eight million dollars a year. So its just ironic, it's pitiful when we say that the school uses half our budget, that amounts to about five hundred thousand dollars.

QUES. 19: WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT UNAC MET MUCH OPPOSITION WHEN FIRST CONCEIVED, BUT IT ALMOST IS COMPLETELY ACCEPTED TODAY?

Self-preservation is the first law of nature. It didn't meet opposition from the general public, from the young people of the church. There may have been a few. It met opposition from the leadership. If I don't have my job, I don't want it to go, naturally. It's not that I don't think the UNAC concept was good for the church but it's not good for me as an individual, so that's where the criticism of it came from the people in position of the biggest part. And it was something new and I will make the illustration . . . "It's like the mule when I was a boy and would see an old car coming. My daddy would have to jump off the wagon and wrap the lines around the tree to keep the mule from tearing the wagon up because it was afraid of the car, but they didn't know that mechanically it would set them free. Now you see horses riding on the back of the truck. So that's the way they were about UNAC. They didn't know that UNAC would be a blessing to the church but as a curse to the church, because first of all it was destroying the effect of the status quo.

QUES. 20: WHAT MAJOR CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN THE CHURCH DURING THE 80'S?

The major changes I would like to see, is simple going back to the Bible, in faith and practice.

We are trying to have Constitutional Convention making amendments to the Constitution, but the Bible is the best constitution with prayer, fasting, concern about winning souls, get out of our political corruption, that would be changes which are necessary. Supporting the church with tithes and offerings and using the tithes and offerings that God provides. It's pretty difficult to get the church to tithe and the church knows the tithes are not being used as the Lord provided. I know that from personal experience. The local church where I pastor thrives this way. The people know that the tithes don't go in my pocket. The people know that all our tithes and offerings go into the church's treasure and they pay all of the expenses from the church's treasure and the people know that I am part of the church's expenses. They pay me every month just like they pay the other bills. And they are so happy to do it and once a year, I have almost tried to get them not to do it, but they want to personally once a year express their love for me without it coming through the church's treasure from a check they personally give me as a love offering. The Lord blesses the church simply by obeying the Bible. And if the National Church would simply obey the Bible with all of its tithes and support all of the local members, tithe the local church, the local church out of their tithes give to the National Church.

QUES. 21: YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATION IS INVOLVED IN A MAJOR BUILDING EFFORT. WHAT WILL BE THE WORTH OF THE EDIFICE UPON COMPLETION? WHAT FACILITIES WILL IT HAVE?

Approximately three million dollars. It will have a very elaborate educational system. That's vitally important. I found out we lose a whole lot of members because they are not educated; I mean they are not indoctrinated. They don't know what it is all about. We have a child care center and it will also include a recreational center, and a gymnasium. I know that that is not the popular thing among the Church of God in Christ but our contention is "that children are going to be children." They are going to play and have their exercise. We feel that it is our responsibility to teach them to be good sportsmen, not grabbing their baseball going home because they can't pitch, and don't want to play on the team unless they're on the side they want to be on, but learn to work with and play with other young people, and socialize with other people. We feel that it will help them after they have grown up. We also feel that adults need exercise. It is a human body. God made it and God wants us to take care of it. Jesus said, "Come ye apart to a desert place and rest yourselves awhile," so I don't feel that it is a sin for a person to have some bodily exercise. We use the scripture, "Bodily exercise profited little"-we take that out of context-so we will have a gymnasium, child care center, educational system and

hopefully a huge sanctuary and more.

QUES. 22: HOW MANY OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS DO YOU SERVE ON OUTSIDE YOUR REGULAR CHURCH OBLIGATIONS?

As a matter of fact, I am not on but one board now. I just travel so much now and I could not give my time and I am the kind of person that can't give time to something, I don't want my name there. So I am just serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Tristate Bank of Memphis.

QUES. 23: WOULD YOU DESCRIBE FOR ME WHAT A NORMAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP IS LIKE?

I think I've just done it. It's a hectic day getting in the morning, trying to meet a time schedule, finding the telephone ringing, telling my wife to please take the message. I am rushing trying to get out, she can't take that message, something deserves my immediate attention. I find myself late for my appointment and I find it is time for me to get back to my studio for my broadcast. I look over my list and see how many things I have done that day and find that I haven't done a third of the things that I had listed to do and then I am back out from one place to another; facing one problem then another, which makes it particularly rough. The days are generally filled with troubleshooting. . . I have to get away sometimes and really just hide myself, almost from my own family to get some rest. Even though it is hectic, and on the other hand it is very rewarding when you can go in at night and think about a family you kept from being put out of doors; think about a young man who thought about committing suicide, but the Lord through you prevented it; when you can pull your desk drawer open and look at the long dagger somebody gave you which they said, "I had this to kill such and such a person, but after listening to you, the Lord has touched his heart. . . Those kind of things pays for all the suffering and sacrifices. . . the hectic days.

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DeBoise sang out of their hearts. The Lord was surely in Mt. Olive. After the District meeting the members of Mt. Olive went right into their pastor's, Elder S. J. Williams, 13th Anniversary. On Friday, April 25th, the captains, with their workers reported with close to \$3,000.00 On Sat., April 26th, was the banquet. The menu was very delicious and the decorations were beautiful. The Glee Club under Dea. Elzie Walker marched to the dining room singing, "Come and Stroll Down Blessing Boulevard." Followed by the honored guest Elder S. J. Williams and his lovely wife Sis. Essie Williams, who looked just beautiful. Mrs. Mozelle Gaines was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the affair. The welcome was given by Dea. E. Walker. The response by Dea. George Moore of Shiloh United Holy Church of Asbury Park, N.J. The Glee Club

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You may have been preached out by a saved, Holy Ghost filled man of God; and may have been baptized in water and not have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This happened in Samaria. ACTS 8:5-12 says:

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voices, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

There were many saved, healed, and baptized in water, but they did not have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. ACTS 8:14-17 tells us what happened:

"Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

sang two selections. Mother Bristow, the church mother, gave a reading, a tribute to our pastor. Miss Delores Harris of Christ Temple, Neptune, sang one of the pastor's favorite songs, "Holy and Righteous". Mrs. M. Gaines gave an approximate financial report in the 13 years of Elder Williams pastorage which was \$198,975.75 paying off a 10 year mortgage in three years. Miss Ivone Johnson sang "Never Grow Old." Elder Sconiers of Jersey City, composed a song at the dinner table and dedicated it to Elder Williams. The title was that Elder Williams loves his members all the time. Pastors and wives who attended were, Rev. and Mrs. Foster and Rev. and Mrs. Porter of Macedonia Baptist Church in Neptune, N. J., Elder and Missy. Carter of Perth Amboy, Elder and Sis. Watkins, Long Branch. Elder and Mrs. L. Savage, Elder and Mrs. Thompson, Elder and Sis. Schoniers, Elder Comodore, of

(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

This was the condition that Paul came in contact with: they were believers and had been baptized in water, but did not have the Holy Ghost. ACTS 19:1-6:

"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

You may have been a member of the church for a long time; you may have received many honours and many degrees; but, as Paul asked the Saints of Ephesus, I am asking the saints that read this message, "HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST SINCE YOU BELIEVED?"

May the Lord bless you to believe God's written word; "For the word of the Lord is right and all his works are done in truth." Psalms 33:4.

Bishop W. A. Patterson

Bible Way Church in Neptune. Also District Missy. V. Cooper and Mr. Charles Cooper and Mrs. Williams of First Baptist Church. Youth in action advisor. It was a very beautiful affair. Yes, we at Mt. Olive are still doing things. We are about to start enlarging our edifice. Because we have about out grown our beautiful little church. May God bless each and everyone and pray for us here at Seashore. Dist. Supt. A. Jackson Dist. Missy. V. Cooper Eld. S. J. Williams, Pastor Ruth Shaw, Reporter

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Beach, Florida where Elder W. T. Hargrett was the host Pastor. Theme: Whatsoever we need is in Christ, Phil. 4:19. We were also blessed to have in the meeting our own Mother Gussie Gamble, State Supervisor of the Women's Department. The Lord really blessed this first meeting in 1980.

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Our services was scheduled at 8:00 p. m. Many souls were blessed. People of all

denominations came to hear this great man of God. Souls were saved, backsliders came back to Christ, and one was baptized with the Holy Ghost.

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